NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF HIGHWAY PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, July 31, 2012; 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Information Open House Public Meeting
Hershey Public School, 301 S. Lincoln Ave., Hershey, NE
L-56C (1010), Hershey Viaduct; C.N. 61277

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will hold a public information open house regarding a proposed railroad viaduct on Nebraska Highway Link 56C (L-56C) in Hershey, Nebraska. The meeting will be held at the Hershey Public School, Tues., July 31, 2012, 4:00-6:00 P.M. CDT.

The project, known as L-56C (1010), *Hershey Viaduct*; C.N. 61277, will involve the proposed construction of a highway viaduct (overpass) over the UPRR tracks in or near Hershey, Lincoln County, NE. Additionally, a proposed pavement overlay of L-56C, from south of Hershey to north of the Interstate 80 (I-80) interchange, will be presented.

The project is located on L56C and starts about ¼ mile north of the Hershey Interchange. The project proceeds north for about ¾ mile on existing alignment before curving to the west on new alignment around the west side of Hershey and ends at a new intersection about 2,000 feet west of the current intersection of U. S. Highway 30 (US-30) and L56C.

The improvements will include: Resurfacing of the existing highway between Hershey and Interstate 80 with concrete; constructing approach slabs at the Platte River Bridge (SL56C00090); constructing a new 46' back-of-curb to back-of-curb roadway on new alignment; constructing a new bridge to carry L56C highway traffic over the UPRR; constructing a pedestrian structure over UPRR. currently proposed to be located on the existing L56C and the UPRR crossing. Two existing at-grade UPRR crossings located at L56C (Lincoln Avenue) and at Patterson Avenue will be permanently closed and vacated. NDOR will then resurface the remaining L56C highway in Hershey and relinquish the roadway to the city. In addition because the pavement work is considered to result in an alteration of the pavement in crosswalks, the NDOR will eliminate barriers to access by building curb ramps where required.

The proposed project would require the purchase of additional right-of-way (ROW) and temporary construction easements (TE). NDOR does

not anticipate any residential or commercial relocation.

NDOR and the public have participated in feasibility studies that date back to the early 1990's. The latest public meeting was December of 2011. The state has since decided to utilize state funding only on this project and has proceeded to the design stage.

The public meeting is being held to provide information and receive input regarding the proposed roadway designs. All citizens are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. NDOR personnel will be present at the public meeting to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project. The information "open house" format allows the public to come, gather pertinent information about the project, speak one-on-one with project personnel, and leave as they wish. All materials will be presented in both English and Spanish. A translator will be present.

NDOR will make every reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility for all persons. Appropriate provisions for the hearing and visually challenged or persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) will be made if the Department is notified by July 18, 2012. Notification should be submitted to: Greg Weinert, Public Hearings Officer, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; greg.weinert@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402) 479-4871, TDD telephone (402) 479-3834, Fax (402) 479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be available after the meeting on the NDOR website at www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/ by clicking on "Hershey Viaduct." For further information, contact Nathan Sorben, NDOR Roadway Design, (402) 479-3780,

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